

The Mine Emergency Response Interactive Training Simulation Installation Guide (Version 1.0.15)

WARNING – If you are running Win98 or Win98 SE, installing MERITS will cause Dial-Up Networking to stop working. We are currently researching this problem. If you install MERITS, you must reinstall Win98 (with Dial-up Networking) afterward to restore Dial-up Networking. Please refer to the Troubleshooting guide at <http://merits.niosh.cdc.gov/merits> for more information.

Minimum System Requirements

Operating System – Win98/Win98 SE (**see warning above**), WinME, NT 4.0, Win2000, Win XP
Processor - 700 MHz Pentium or better
Memory - 128 MB RAM
Color Depth - 256 colors
Screen Resolution - 800 x 600 (1024 x 768 for best results)
Microsoft Internet Explorer - Version 5.5 or greater
Access to the Internet

Installation

1. If upgrading MERITS from a previous version, uninstall the old version using the Add/Remove Programs tool on the use the Control Panel before continuing.
2. Run the MERITS setup.exe file and follow the installation prompts.
 - Depending on your system configuration, you may be asked to restart your computer **during or after** the installation.
 - Near the end of the installation, you'll be asked if you want to install several supporting applications (Microsoft Text to Speech, Microsoft Speech API and Microsoft Agent). If installing MERITS for the first time, you must install this software. If reinstalling MERITS after a previous successful installation, you can skip this step. If you choose to continue, you may get messages saying the files you are installing are **older** than the files you already have. Always keep the **newer** files.

Setting up Internet Explorer Security Settings

For MERITS to work properly, you must modify the security level for your Internet Explorer browser Internet zone:

1. Start Internet Explorer.
2. On the Tools menu, click Internet Options.
3. Click the Security tab.
4. Select the zone that you want to set the security level for - in our case its Internet.
5. Click the Default Level button to set the zone back to its normal level (this clears out any

- changes you may have made in the past).
6. Click the Customize Level button.
 7. Under the settings for Active X controls and Plug-ins: Enable the option: "Initialize and script Active X controls not marked as safe".
 8. Under the settings for Miscellaneous: Enable the option "Access data sources across domains".
 9. Exit the Internet Options dialog by clicking OK.

This **lowers** your browsers' security setting. After running MERITS, you may want to restore your browser security settings to what they were originally. If so, you will need to modify the settings listed above each time you run MERITS.

Reporting Problems

Please report any problems or errors you encounter to:

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If possible, include the contents of the file "Errors.log", located in the "Updates" directory where you installed MERITS (normally, this is C:\Program Files\NIOSH-PRL\MERITS\Updates).

MERITS was developed at the Pittsburgh Research Laboratory of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health with assistance from other federal agencies, state mining agencies, organized labor, and private industry.